

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 17**  
**INCIDENT NO. 96-37**  
**DATE: May 10, 1996**                      **TIME: 2:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood. (Separate situation reports are being issued regarding Devils Lake, incident #96-01.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The flood control pool at Jamestown Dam is at 1,442.84 feet M.S.L., 1.76 feet lower than its maximum level recorded on April 25.

State Water Commission staff reported that on May 8, Channel A was flowing at 970 cfs (cubic feet per second) while the Mauvais Coulee was flowing at 750 cfs. These flows into Devils Lake are at or near their peak.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: (In addition to previous reports) The N.D. Department of Transportation is providing 12 state inspectors for the Preliminary Damage Assessment process.

FEDERAL: (In addition to previous reports) The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will support the Preliminary Damage Assessment. A Small Business Administration (SBA) representative will also assist.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The American Red Cross reported that it has expended \$97,270 in North Dakota so far during the 1996 spring flood response. Activities included feeding, sheltering, distributing cleanup kits, and replacing damaged personal property. The counties where the Red Cross was active include: Pembina, Ransom, Ramsey, Grand Forks, Walsh, Barnes, Stutsman and Ward.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: A local, state, and federal Preliminary Damage Assessment of will be initiated on Monday, May 13, to include 28 counties: Barnes, Benson, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McLean, Nelson, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sheridan, Steele, Stutsman, Traill, Walsh and Wells. The assessment should be completed by Friday, May 17. The Preliminary Damage Assessment will be coordinated from the State Emergency Operations Center in Bismarck. Assessment Teams will consist of federal, state, and local inspectors. Twelve teams will assess public impacts, with two teams each assessing individual impacts and potential hazard mitigation opportunities.

ND Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, and state and local transportation officials are closely monitoring flood-impacted roads for safety purposes.

The USDA State Emergency Board Chairman has requested USDA County Emergency Boards to begin identifying flood impacts on farmland, livestock, and debris deposition.

On May 9, the N.D. Department of Transportation reopened two bridges that connect North Dakota and Minnesota along the Red River of the North. They are located on N.D. Highway 43 at Oslo, and on N.D. Highway 59 at Pembina. Five bridges had been closed because of Red River flooding. The bridges at N.D. Highways 5, 17 and 66 remained closed with water levels as high as 15 inches.

The Linton City Council and Kidder County Commission issued a disaster declaration on May 6 and 8, respectively.

The Mountrail County Commission issued an emergency declaration.

The Lieutenant Governor and the Governor's Agriculture Policy Advisor met with local officials in Pembina and Walsh Counties regarding flood impacts and completed an aerial survey along the Red River on May 9.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: FEMA and SBA assistance for the Preliminary Damage Assessment has been requested by state emergency management officials and has been granted.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: FEMA officials will arrive beginning May 13, 1996.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The National Weather Service has reported the level of Devils Lake at 1,436.55 feet M.S.L. on May 9.

Spring planting has been delayed in eastern North Dakota by approximately two weeks because of spring flooding.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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State Director